

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

RECOGNIZING ST. JOHN'S PORTSMOUTH FOODBANK GROUP

WHEREAS: the Portsmouth Community Service Award acknowledges outstanding individuals, businesses, and civic groups that consistently exhibit excellence in professional and community leadership; and

WHEREAS: the Town of Portsmouth is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who, through their unwavering commitment, enhance the overall quality of life within our community; and

WHEREAS: during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic when businesses faced closures and individuals suddenly found themselves unemployed, a dedicated group of individuals established a Foodbank at St. Barnabas Church. This operation was subsequently relocated to St. John's Masons Hall on Sprague Street after four months; and

WHEREAS: a group of devoted volunteers, including many from our community, continues to operate this Foodbank, providing essential support to as many as 125 families on a weekly basis; and

WHEREAS: these volunteers selflessly contribute their time, personal vehicles, and significant physical effort to assist those in need, without judgment or opinion on the circumstances of the recipients; and


WHEREAS: this group consistently donates a substantial amount of food to each family, surpassing the contributions of other Foodbanks, and they do so without requesting any donation from the recipients; and

WHEREAS: the 2023 Portsmouth Community Service Award is hereby presented to the volunteers of the **ST. JOHN'S PORTSMOUTH FOODBANK GROUP**.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Portsmouth Town Council extends its heartfelt appreciation, congratulations, and profound gratitude on behalf of the entire Portsmouth community.


Kevin M. Aguiar
Town Council President

ATTEST:


Jennifer M. West, CMC
Town Clerk